The Wilderness Campaign

By JOHN McELROY,

"The Colored Troops Fought Nobly."

There was a great deal of feeling among the colored troops and their white officers over the events at the time of the Mine explosion, which led to much bitter recrimination between the officers whenever they met in common. For this reason Gen. Butler and his reason Gen. Butler and his colored troops he violated for the

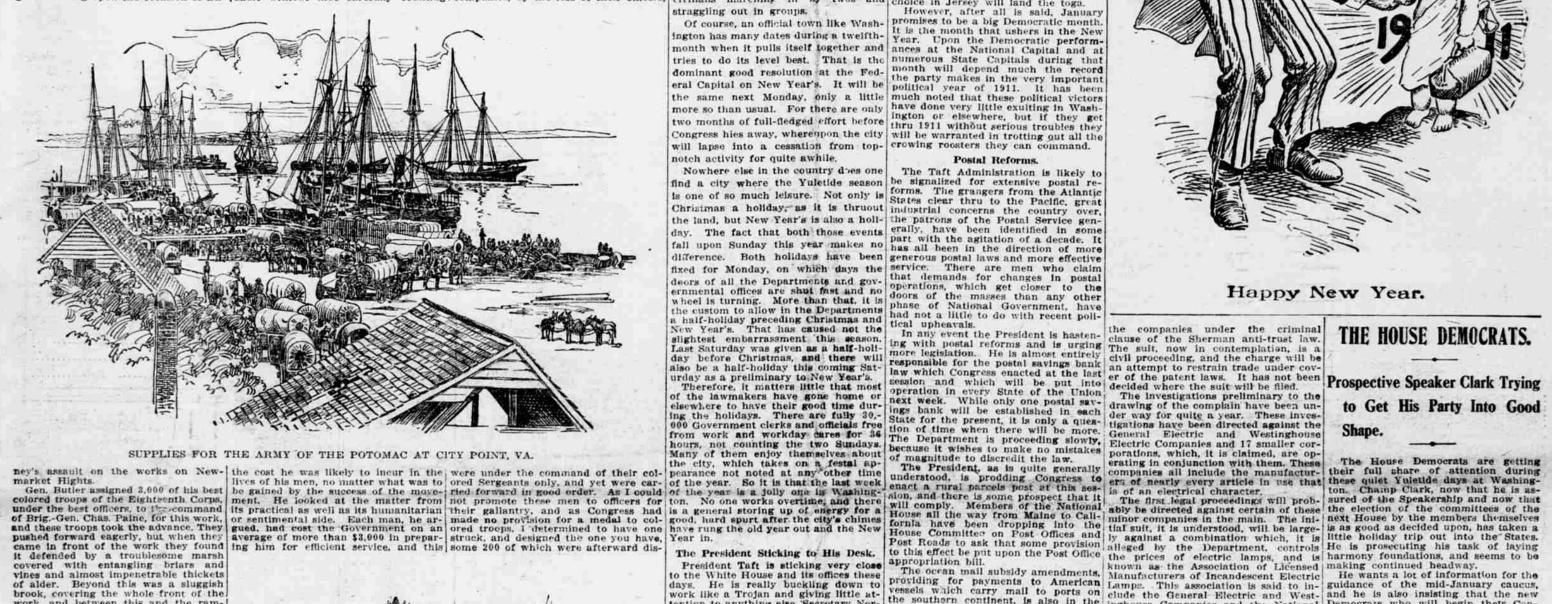
My white regiments were always ner-vous when standing in line flanked by colored troops, lest the colored regi-

ments should give way, and they (the white) be flanked. This fear was a deep-seated one and re-ead far and wide, and the negro hay had no sufficient opportunity to demonstrate his

valor and his staying qualities as a sol-dier. And the further cry was that the

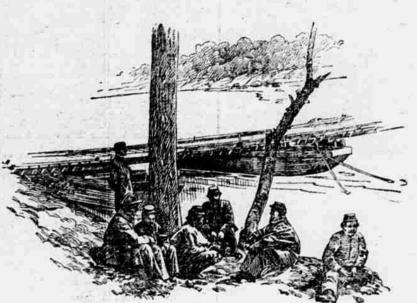
negros never struck a good blow for their own freedom. After the attack on Newmarket Hights, in the Army of

Honor for the Brave.



brook, covering the whole front of the work, and between this and the ramparts was the usual thick abatis of pines. The Confederates had guessed at what the column was aiming and were hurrying troops to its defense. Gen. Butler thus describes the gallant advance of the men:

"Crossing the brook, their lines broke in little disorder, the left of the divi-sions having plunged into the morass but the men struggling thru held their guns above their heads to keep them dry. The enemy directed its fire upor them; but, as in all cases of firing downwards from a fort, the fire was too high. The leading battalion broke, but its Colonel maintained his position at its head. Words of command were useless, as in the melee they could not be heard; but calling his bugler to him, the rally rang out, and at its call his men formed around him. The division was at once reformed, and then at double-quick they dashed up to the first line of abatis. The axmen laid to, vigorously chopping out the obstructions. Many of them went down. Others seized the axes. The enemy concentrated their fire upon the head of the column. It looked at one moment as if it might melt away. The colors of the first battallon wont down, but instantly



THE CAPITAL-ON-THE-POTOMAC.

The President Working Hard Every Day-Democrats Come in to Look Over the Ground-Postal Reforms-The Electric Trust. Sitting Down on the Anti-Japanese Agitation.

the James, a negro regiment was looked upon as the safest flanking regiment that could be put in line." ens as the advent of the New Year ap-Butler required the fullest reports to be made to him of the affair, carefully proaches. That day brings up the vis-picking out all those of the colored ion of a multitude of callers trooping will come just about the time that nupicking out all those of the colored troops who had been at all conspicuous by their bravery, and he ordered a medal struck of the size, quality and intrinsic value of those given by Queen Victoria to the distinguished privates of the Crimean War. Gen. Butler wrote to the historian, Lossing, with regard to the historian, Lossing, with regard to the historian of New Year's in Washington and require others to hasten home. The Democrats of the Marine Band playing crashing of the White House yes-

> two months of full-fledged effort before Congress hies away, whereupon the city will lapse into a cessation from topnotch activity for quite awhile.

> Nowhere else in the country does one find a city where the Yuletide season is one of so much leisure. Not only is Christmas a holiday, as it is thruout the land, but New Year's is also a holithelem to the Patrice generally. Have been identified in some erally.

his vacation in a camp, where he hopes to got ozone in quantities and plenty of strength for the Winter tasks yet ahead.

Most every day the President stays in his office till well up to 6 or 7 o'clock, and is finding time to wade thru great masses of documents and papers, some of which have been stacked up for a long time awaiting his attention. Late in the afternoon he goes out sometimes for a tramp, that being about the only exercise he gets nowadays. There is still much snow and lee on the ground in the District of Columbia, and it is not very good going under foot. That does not discourage the President from pedestrianism, altho he undertakes none of the spectacular walking stunts. including the scaling of cliffs in Rock Creek Park, of which President Rooseelt was fond at intervals.

President very generally since he suc-ceeded Mr. Carpenter. At Beverly he brush aside the abatis, and then at double-quick the reformed column charged the second line of abatis. Fortunately they were able to remove that in a few minutes, but it seemed a long time to the lookers-on. Then, with a cheer and a yell that I can almost hear now, they dashed upon the fort. But before they reached even the ditch, which was not a formidable thing, the even played golf with the President semi-occasionally. However, Mr. Nor-

Incoming Democrats.

All this, of course, will change almost over night soon, when the tide of travel sets Washingtonward again. There will be a jam of people on every hand about New Year's time, and many of them will be very busy about tasks big and THE LEADING PIECE BECAME MIRED.

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time of the Mine explosion, which led to much bitter recrimination between the officers whenever they met in common. For this reason Gen. Butler and his officers were particularly anxious that the colored troops he violated for the first time a rule of his own military that the colored troops should make a good showing upon the occasion of Bir-special primaries, and the troops never faltered. Some of the Marine Band playing crashing of the Marine Band playing crashing martial music in the White House vestight away. No Senators in Maine, New York, to this:

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of course, an official town like Washington has many dates during a twelfthmonth when it pulls itself together and tries to do its level best. That is the dominant good resolution at the Fed-eral Capital on New Year's. It will be political year of 1911. It has been the same next Monday, only a little much noted that these political victors more so than usual. For there are only have done very little exulting in Wash-

Postal Reforms.

up vigorously, and a bill is being framed by legislators in whose ability to get favorable action from the House and

Senate he has great confidence.

Then, the Post Office reorganization bill, the outgrowth of years of careful investigation, is being considered in the House. It is a very important measure, House. It is a very important measure, comprehensive in its scope and calculated to make the Department a modern business institution right up to the minute. It will hardly become haw at this session, but it will be given such an impetus that its enactment before the close of the President's term is not improbable.

Fortifying the Canal.

It seems unlikely that this Congress will vote to fortify the Panama Canal. The opposition thereto has been grow-Capt. A. W. Butt, his Army Aid, goes with him on those walking expeditions. Secretary Norton has accompanied the protest in some quarters. Senators and Representatives have had small opportunity yet to measure its significance and force. However, it will probably avail to postpone action.

President Taft, an advocate of forti-

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OW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A GOOD RECORD TOGETHER .

to the White House and its offices these days. He is really buckling down to work like a Trojan and giving little attention to anything else. Secretary Norton has "hiked" away to the Adirondacks for the holidays, and is spending his vacation in a camp, where he hopes to get ozone in quantities and plenty of strength for the Winter tasks yet ahead to provide the general Electric and West also insisting that the next House of the other postal innovations. The Justice has been investigating have to will begin their Concorrations which the Department of Justice has been investigating have to will the manufacture and sale of with the manufacture and sale of the mid-January caucus, and he is also insisting that the new the sale of the mid-January caucus, and he is also insisting that the new the sale of the sale o such a variety of products as insulated wire, switches, sockets, fans and machinery and appliances.

promising aggregation. The Democrats observed considerable caution in making their Congressional nominations last chinery and appliances.

The directorates of these companies comprise numerous very prominent men in the business and financial world. They include many well-known men in New York City, Boston, Chicago and Pittsburg. New York State and New England supply a large share of the directors of the General Electric Company. The Association of Licensed Manufacturers of Incandescent Lamps, it is claimed at the Department, comprises electric companies in Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Springfield, Mass.; Denver, Colo.; Youngstown, Cleveland, Ravenna, Warren, Shelby and Niles, Ohlo, and Pittsburg. In some of the cities mentioned there are two manufacturing concerns, claimed to be up" some of these lawmakers with

manufacturing concerns, claimed to be up' some of these lawmakers with identified with the combination. De-partment officials say the control over two years. He is talking harmony and prices is absolute and that the sway of caution on every hand, and wants to the combination is nearly worldwide.

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resolution asking the House to deciare litself on the subject.

The Vermonter holds that the United States is already committed by treaty to the neutralization of the canal. He believes that we must, of course, police the canal, and in that connection could well keep three or four warships in that immediate vicinity, perhaps two at each end of the canal. "That would be definited duty for our ships of war," says Mr.

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batteries, in an exposed position par-tially intrenched on the Darby or Central road. This was within four miles of Richmond. The Union pickets on of Richmond. The Union pickets on the Charles City road were attacked before daylight, but Col. Spear hurrled to their assistance, and held the enemy until 7 o'clock. About 8 o'clock the enemy appeared in overpowering force. Kautz took the precaution to send his